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1. Almost every day a train of about fifty sealed freight cars, known to be loaded with minerals, passes along the line Karnobat-Komunari-Stalin. Komunari was formerly Murna. Stalin was formerly Varna. The train moves in the direction of Stalin (Varna), where the mineral is loaded on board ships for the USSR.
2. These trains come either from the vicinity of Sofia or from the Rhodope. There seems to be no doubt that they are loaded with minerals, though these have not been identified. The cars are sealed. Each car has a special guard in the brakeman's quarters.

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